

BRITISH WIN BIG VICTORY; BREAK HINDENBURG LINE

HAIG PLUNGES AHEAD 5 MILES ON WIDE FRONT NEAR CAMBRAI; THOUSANDS TAKEN PRISONERS

Marcoing, Havrincourt and Numerous Villages Wrested From Germans—Enemy Taken Completely by Surprise as Powerful Attack Is Launched

Tanks Batter Down Foe's Defenses—Many Teuton Guns Captured—General Byng in Command of Conquering Forces—Pershing Sees Big Battle

LONDON, Nov. 21. Front dispatches received here this afternoon said that more than 5000 prisoners were taken yesterday in Field Marshal Haig's great victory.

LONDON, Nov. 21. Field Marshal Haig has broken the Hindenburg line.

At various points on a front of a least a score of miles the British commander-in-chief today reported his troops had smashed their way for a distance of four and five miles through the first defenses of the vaunted Hindenburg line.

The second line, more than a mile behind the preliminary defenses, was also stormed by the victorious Tommies. Thousands of prisoners and many guns were taken.

Tanks battered down the German defenses, crumbled away some of the artfully contrived German cement emplacements and ponderously drove forward in advance of the artillery.

MANY VILLAGES CAPTURED Cambrai is now almost in the hands of the British. Marcoing, Havrincourt and numerous villages have been captured.

General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces, was an interested witness to the great advance.

Field Marshal Haig, in announcing the victory, departed from the custom of withholding the names of generals immediately in charge of operations. General Sir Julian Byng and his Third Army get the credit for the brilliant achievement.

The importance of the victory cannot yet be fully estimated. Not only has the Hindenburg defense system been penetrated, but at least two of its lines utterly destroyed, and the British now directly menace the main German line of communications from Douai through Cambrai to St. Quentin.

The surprise of the British drive, coupled with its overpowering force, was so complete and the German demoralization so utter that official reports did not attempt to estimate the number of prisoners taken nor the quantity of guns, supplies and ammunition.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICTORY

Field Marshal Haig's report announcing the big victory was as follows: The enemy positions were broken into a depth between four and five miles over a wide front. Several thousand prisoners were taken and a number of guns.

The first defensive system of the Hindenburg line was broken on the whole front.

Around Lavaquiere the formidable defenses known as Welsh Ridge and Coullet Wood were captured.

Flesquieres was entered and the Grand Ravine crossed. Havrincourt was captured.

Trench systems north of Havrincourt and north of the west bank of the Canal Dunord were captured.

Our infantry and tanks, in accordance with program, pressed forward and captured the German second system, more than a mile beyond the first. After the capture of Havrincourt rapid progress was made at all points. The Masnières Canal was crossed and Marcoing and Neufwood were captured.

East of the Canal Dunord the villages of Graincourt and Annux were stormed. West of the canal the whole line north to the Bapaume-Cambrai road was stormed.

The enemy was completely surprised. Sir Julian Byng commanded the British Third Army.

Bonaire hamlet and Lateaux Wood were captured after stiff fighting. East of Epehy, between Bullecourt and Fontaine les Croisilles, important positions were captured. The total number of prisoners, of guns and of material has not yet been estimated.

There was every evidence that the enemy was utterly paralyzed by the tremendous force of the British blow no less than its surprise. There has been no fighting of any magnitude on the Arras-St. Quentin sector since early in the summer.

In many circles here the victory was hailed as perhaps the most important military stroke achieved by the Allies since the battle of the Marne.

GREAT BLOW TO GERMAN MORALE Actual penetration of the Hindenburg line, which Germany has boasted was impregnable and which her militarists have led the people to believe would forever bar the Allied progress, may be expected to have a powerful effect on German morale in the field and at home.

The Hindenburg line starts at Drocourt, just northwest of Douai, and runs in a fairly straight line down through Vitry-en-Artois, Villiers and Cagnicourt to Quent and Pronville, thence on to Boursies, Havrincourt, Gouzeaucourt, Epehy and St. Quentin.

The British assaults began just after dawn yesterday. The attack came as somewhat of a surprise to military observers. It is generally believed the extremely strong artillery fire reported recently from east of Ypres to the North Sea was a feint to distract German attention from the coming attack to the south.

BERLIN, Nov. 21. British attacks gained some ground against German lines in the Arras sector, today's official report asserted.

"Between Fontaine-les-Croisilles and Rencourt the enemy was unable to advance beyond the foremost line," the War Office said.

"In the main field attack the enemy succeeded in gaining ground," the statement continued.

"Our reserves arrested their thrust at our rear positions.

"Some villages in the fighting zone, among them Graincourt and Marcoing, were lost.

"South of Vendhuile an English brigade's attack collapsed under heavy losses."

BIG GUNS SILENT, TANKS LEAD WAY IN STRANGEST BATTLE OF HISTORY

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Nov. 21.

The strangest battle in the world's history was that by which the British today broke the Hindenburg line.

There has been no other battle-like it in the annals of warfare. Only the wooden towers of the Hindenburg line.

They offer a comparison with Haig's blow in tactical originality.

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GEN. SIR JULIAN BYNG Commander of the victorious British Third Army, to which Field Marshal Haig has given credit for defeating the Germans before Cambrai.

BISHOP ASSAILS AMERICA IN WAR

Never Should Have Entered Conflict, Declares Synod President

OTHER PRELATES DIFFER

The United States is wrong in being in the war, according to Bishop John Murray of Baltimore, who is presiding over the Protestant Episcopal Church, held at the Holy Trinity Parish House, Twentieth street below Walnut.

The expression of his belief came after Bishop Rhinelander and Talbot vigorously objected to remarks of Dr. H. B. Truesler, head of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, Japan. In speaking on the proposal to construct a large base hospital in Tokio that could be used by the United States for soldiers wounded on the Russian front, Doctor Truesler warned the synod of the danger of too closely connecting Christianity with the world conflict.

"This war is the result of the rotten diplomacy of the last 100 years," he said, "and not of the failure of Christianity. Let the United States be careful that it does not bring this light only for the night."

Bishop Talbot was on his feet instantly protesting against allowing the intimation to be made that England and France had gone into the war for selfish reasons. Bishop Rhinelander also rose and protested vigorously.

Doctor Truesler refused to back down, however, and repeated his statement, saying that although England and France may have changed their views in the last year through the prompting of American idealism, their interest in the war was still a result of the last 100 years of diplomacy.

The statement brought forth long and loud applause from the delegates, indicating that they coincided with Doctor Truesler. When the applause had subsided, Bishop Murray rapped for order.

After declaring that he approved of Doctor Truesler's statement, Bishop Murray said: "England and France should never have gone into the war and the United States is wrong in being in it today."

Bishop Murray today was re-elected president of the Synod for a term of three years.

With Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of South Bethlehem, in the chair the following were elected:

Standing committee on missions—Bishop William C. Brown, Richmond, Va.; the Rev. David W. Howard, South Virginia; the Rev. George G. Bartlett, Philadelphia; the Rev. J. G. Gantt, Delaware; William R. Butler, Bethlehem; Major John W. Reynolds, Erie, and Stephen E. Kramer, Washington.

Court of review—Bishop Talbot, the Rev. J. J. Gravatt, Richmond; Venerable Benjamin K. Thompson, Delaware; the Rev. Robert K. Kretzer, Bethlehem; George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia; Joseph Packard, Baltimore; and George C. Burgwin, Pittsburgh.

Commission on religious education—Bishop Rogers Israel, Erie; the Rev. J. N. Caley, Philadelphia; the Rev. E. P. Dunbar, South Virginia; the Rev. Howard W. Miller, Pottsville, Pa.; Canon W. L. Davies, Washington; Robert E. Anderson, Richmond; Lawrence Miller, Maryland; George Woodward and Theodore M. Hopke, Pittsburgh.

Commission on social service—Bishop James H. Partridge, Harrisburg; the Rev. R. E. Humphries, Baltimore; the Rev. C. R. Stetson, Washington; the Rev. Edwin S. Lane, Philadelphia; the Rev. H. E. A. Durrell, Bethlehem; Henry W. Bonnell, Chestnut Hill, Pa.; H. D. W. English, Pittsburgh; Colonel Eugene C. Mascoe, Virginia; S. P. Kerr, Sharon, Pa.; Deaconess Collesberry, Philadelphia, and Mrs. W. J. Myrth, Washington.

William W. Frazer, Jr., of Philadelphia, was elected provincial treasurer, the Rev. Lewis Brown, of Pittsburgh, clerical member of the General Board of Missions, and John Stewart Bryan, of diocese of Virginia.

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RUSSIANS ANGLING FOR EARLY PEACE

Three Factions Almost United on Plan to Withdraw From War

ARMY FEASTS WITH FOE

PETROGRAD, Nov. 21. Maximalist leaders today announced the rupture of negotiations with the moderate Socialist party. It was reported a compromise government was being negotiated between the Bolsheviks and the social revolutionaries of the left wing.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. No more American supplies will go to Russia so long as Bolshevik agitators control the receiving end. This ultimatum was conveyed today in an order to port officers to stop all Russian shipments now on the docks.

These supplies will be held until the Administration is assured that they will reach a government which this country properly can recognize.

LONDON, Nov. 21. Russia may be angling for peace, according to dispatches received today from Scandinavian sources. They reported the Bolsheviks, Minimalists and the Socialist party of the nation are almost united in the belief that only complete withdrawal from the war and concentration of all effort on internal affairs can restore order in Russia.

The Swedish newspaper Tidningen was quoted as saying that the Swedish Foreign Office is in receipt of information that "Russia's official participation in the war is nearing its close."

Copenhagen reports that conditions in

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Dies on Way to Brother's Funeral

SAYRE, P. L., Nov. 21.—Timothy Kennedy, of Trenton, N. J., died while eating in the restaurant of the Sayre House. He arrived here on his way to attend the funeral of his brother at Binghamton. He formerly lived in Sayre and was forty-five years old. A

USAACS WILL PLAY BLACK'S BIG ELEVEN

Ambulance Corps Accepts Challenge for Game at Franklin Field Dec. 19

BEST OF SERVICE TEAMS

One of the biggest games of the season likely will be staged on Franklin Field on the afternoon of December 15, when Cupid Black's powerful Newport Naval Reserves clash with the strong Ambulance eleven from Allentown. Word was received from Allentown this afternoon that Cupid Black wrote the management of the USAacs for a game and the challenge promptly was accepted.

This should be one of the best and most important games of the season, for it will bring together almost two all-American teams. On Black's Naval Reserves there is Charley Barrett, for three years an all-American quarterback, while with Cornell, Gerish, of Dartmouth, halfback; Gardner, all-Western fullback with Nebraska for three seasons; Miller, of Columbia, and Hite, of Kentucky, quarterbacks. On the line there is Elwood, of Notre Dame, and Higginbotham, of Harvard, ends, and a host of other celebrities to make up the aggregation.

The make-up of the Ambulance team is familiar to Philadelphians, for their powerful eleven was seen against the Marines. It is an all-star cast and only last Saturday trounced the Springfield Y. M. C. A. eleven, a strong team, by the score of 62 to 0, using only a few of the regulars who helped to crush Mahan's Marines.

The game has not been clinched, but there is every reason to believe it will be very soon. The USAacs accepted Black's challenge and official machinery immediately was put in motion to arrange the game. The date is favorable to both elevens. The Ambulance team and Black's Naval Reserves present about the two strongest service

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PIAVE DYED RED AS HUNS ATTACK

Teuton Commanders Hurl Masses of Men Against Italian Lines

DEFENSE STILL FIRM

ROME, Nov. 21. An Italian counter-offensive in the Asiago region has "gained several valuable positions and taken numerous prisoners," the newspaper Corriere D'Italia declared today. On the lower Piave, the newspaper declared, the Italian forces had also assumed the offensive.

"Intense artillery" along the whole of the Piave front was reported in today's official statement. On the coast, Italian and British monitors were co-operating and shelling enemy positions. Around Monte Pertica three enemy attacks were repulsed.

The enemy now has four armies on the first line of the offensive and is holding a fifth army in reserve in the Trentino, from which it is constantly moving troops eastward.

Intense fighting was reported today from around Monte Grappa and Fenera, General Krauss's forces assisting General Krobatin, who is in general command of this front.

WITH THE ITALIAN ARMIES, Nov. 21. All preconceived ideas that the Teutons are hushbanding their resources of man power are refuted in the great battle along the Piave River.

The identical tactics of seeking to smother their objectives in a flood of packed troops

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QUICK NEWS

SOCCER SCORES HAVFORD COLLEGE, 1 1-2 U. OF P. 0 1-1

YOUNG WOMAN DIES AFTER TAKING POISON Hannah Ellis, twenty-two years old, died of poison taken at her home, 351 Jackson street, this afternoon. The police believe her death was an accident.

SOVIET CLAIMS CONTROL OF SLAV SECOND ARMY PETROGRAD, Nov. 21.—The Soviet's revolutionary committee today proclaimed its control over the Russian second army.

NORWAY TO BE PUT ON RATIONING BASIS CHRISTIANIA, Nov. 21.—In view of the serious food situation caused by the American export reductions, the Storching today called for careful rationing of the population. Only 170 grams of bread per person will be permitted henceforth, unless the American export rules are relaxed.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES RUSSIAN SUGAR NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Federal Sugar Administrator George M. Rolph today seized 10,000 tons of sugar in a Yonkers warehouse and will distribute it to retail dealers through the American refineries committee. The sugar had been consigned to the Imperial Russian Government and had been stored in the warehouse of W. R. Grace.

STATE OF SIEGE PROCLAIMED AT ZURICH COPENHAGEN, Nov. 21.—A state of siege has been proclaimed at Zurich, Switzerland, on account of "disturbances," according to word received here this afternoon.

P. R. R. ORDERS 11,800 TONS OF IRON The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed an order for 11,800 tons of foundry iron with a central Pennsylvania furnace at the prices fixed by the Government. This tonnage represents the railroad's requirements over the first half of next year.

GERMANS MAY RAID PROPERTY OF AMERICANS NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—A press dispatch from Copenhagen says provisions of the German regulation requiring a report on all properties in Germany belonging to enemy citizens now have been extended to American citizens. The reports are of such a nature that they can be used as a basis for financial reprisals.

DIAZ OFFERED HUN MONEY FOR COUNTER-REVOLT WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Pelix Diaz has been offered \$200,000 personally by German agents in Mexico for a counter-revolution against Carranza. It was learned authoritatively today. Additional sums were promised for his followers. Diaz is reported to be hiding in Mexico.

\$521,367 TO P. R. R. FOR PARKWAY PROPERTY A warrant for \$521,367 was drawn by City Treasurer William McCosh today in favor of attorneys for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in payment for properties taken for Parkway purposes.

NEW BIDS ASKED FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, today readvertised for garbage collection, the estimate to be submitted November 30. The Penn Reduction Company's bid of \$665,206 was turned down as being excessive. Garbage collection this year cost the city \$432,999, and because the Penn Company is asking an increase of \$173,206 for the same work in 1918, the specifications have been altered in the hope of getting a lower rate. The Penn Company being the only company in the field, the readvertisement is for the sole benefit of the concern that for years has had a monopoly of this class of work.

FIFTY HOBOKEN ALIEN ENEMIES INTERNED HOBOKEN, N. J., Nov. 21.—Approximately fifty alien enemies—one-quarter of those seized in the Federal roundup Monday night—were taken from here today on the tug Emigrant to Ellis Island, where they will be interned.

PITTSBURGH PIG IRON FAMINE GROWING WORSE PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 21.—Extremely insistent inquiries for pig iron are being made by consumers 11 this district, but the furnaces are unable to meet desired requirements on deliveries. That a pig iron famine now exists is plainly evident, and the situation promises to become much worse.

FOOD SHORTAGE TALK INSPIRED BY GERMANY WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—German propaganda is making its way into every American household. Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, has before him today, evidence of well-planned German propaganda to cause unrest among housewives. The propaganda is taking form in the numerous food shortages which are reported. The first step in the propaganda was the sugar shortage. Then stories were circulated to the effect that there was a serious shortage of salt. Housewives fell into the German-aid plot and tumbled into the procession to buy large quantities of sugar and salt. The next step in the scheme was to spread reports that the supply of matches would soon be exhausted. The food administration declares there is no match shortage, and that the American people must check the German plot by refusing to believe wild rumors.

YOUNGSTOWN STEEL OPERATIONS IMPROVE YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 21.—Iron and steel plant operations are somewhat improved here today, with the finishing mills and both steel plants of the Republic Iron and Steel Company under way, but its coke plant was down to a 75 per cent basis. The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company's steel plants both are in operation but not producing at more than 90 per cent capacity. The company's coke plant was still on a 50 per cent basis today. The resumptions were made possible by the accumulations of fuel during periods of suspensions.

NEXT DRAFT WILL CLAIM ALIEN SLACKERS WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—"Alien slackers" will be included in the next draft. This assurance has been given members of Congress by the State Department, which has been conducting negotiations with the Allies. Italy, which held up matters after England and France had readily fallen in with America's suggestion, has finally agreed, it is said, since the recent disasters to her military forces.

AUTHORIZE \$15,000,000 BOND ISSUE FOR ERIE TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 21.—In an order just issued by the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners, the Erie Railroad Company is authorized to issue \$15,000,000 of 6 per cent twenty-year Erie Refunding and Improvement bonds, under a trust deed of December 1 last, given to the Bankers' Trust Company, as trustee, to secure an authorized issue of bonds of a total face value of \$5,000,000. The board authorizes the company forthwith to pledge \$2,750,000 in bonds authorized to be issued as collateral security for the payment of a short-term loan of \$5,000,000, and \$4,500,000 as collateral security for the payment of other and additional loans.

COAL TICKETS GO IN EFFECT MONDAY

Fuel Administration Issues Order to Retailers Regulating Sales

RED CARDS IN EMERGENCY

"Some Coal for Everybody," Slogan of City Committee in Regulating Distribution

An order to retail anthracite coal dealers to provide themselves with the proper tickets to regulate the sale of coal and prevent hoarding in the city was issued today by Francis A. Lewis, Philadelphia's fuel administrator.

The ticket system curbing the sale of coal in amounts of one ton or over will become effective next Monday, according to the order, which gives instructions as to how the sale of coal will be supervised by the Philadelphia county coal committee. Besides the printed tickets which applicants for coal must fill out, red slips will be issued where immediate coal relief is needed in amounts up to one ton.

The poor, sick and suffering must be looked after, said Mr. Lewis emphatically. "Our object is to provide some coal for everybody."

The drastic action is caused by ever-increasing quantities of coal undelivered, which, in turn, is the result of hoarding, it was said. Backed by the Federal Fuel Administration, Mr. Lewis's order is in the form of the following request:

To the Coal Dealers of Philadelphia: On and after Monday, November 26, 1917, all persons desiring to purchase anthracite coal in amounts of one ton or over must apply in writing upon application at Room 409 Otis Building, Sixteenth and Sanson streets, Philadelphia, on or after Saturday, November 24. The office will be open until 4 o'clock on that day. In filling orders the dealers will be expected to relieve the most urgent cases first. These orders are to be retained by the dealer, so that if necessary this office can have access to them.

Cases are constantly arising where illness requires immediate coal relief. Small red slips will be issued from this office, directed to a dealer, asking him to deliver not more than one ton of coal to the address named, provided payment be made in advance of delivery. I shall endeavor to issue these orders to the dealer from whom the applicant usually buys coal, but where this is impossible I shall issue them to the nearest dealer and will ask him to honor them as speedily as possible.

Relieving you of your coal-consumption in carrying out these plans, I am yours very truly, FRANCIS A. LEWIS, Chairman, Philadelphia County Coal Committee.

The coal committee, Mr. Lewis said, would limit on prepayment for coal in nearly "red card" cases as a matter of self-protection, because of its recommendation that coal be issued. The tickets, now in the hands of the printer, will have blank spaces for the kind and approximate amount used last year, the amount on hand and how long it will last, and whether or not the dealer has any orders with another dealer. By means of these tickets the coal committee will be enabled to check up on sales.

Coal dealers are requested to relieve the cards are signed by the consumer, and keep them on file for the disposal of the coal administration.

WHEAT CAKES POPULAR WITH BOWIE FOLLOWERS

Machines Pay \$15.80 on Winner of First Race—Little Boys, Outsider, Takes Place

BOWIE, Md., Nov. 21.—Wheat Cakes was the hot tip for the opening five and one-half furlong event here this afternoon and the dopsters were not disappointed. Tronise had the mount and sent Wheat Cakes speeding under the wire with Little Boy, a real long shot, in close pursuit. Diocoride finished third.

The machines paid \$15.80, \$7.20 and \$3.90. Little Boy and Diocoride, the backers cashing in \$77.50 and \$21.50.

Summary:

FIRST RACE, claiming, two-year-olds, 5/8 furlongs. Tronise, 115.90 17.20 33.90; Little Boy, 110.00 7.20 3.90; Diocoride, 112.00 3.20 1.50; Time, 1:07 4/5. Vocabulary, "Celtic," 7/16 for 1/2 mile, "Killing Killary," Districo, "Sweet Marjorie" also ran.

THIRD RACE, claiming, three-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs. Zouave, 104.00 15.10 14.10 33.90; Refugee, 114.00 9.00 5.20; Omelet, 109.00 3.20 1.50; Time, 1:20 1/5. Balgoe, Elderly, Alex Gutz, Resistant, also ran.

FOURTH RACE, selling, three-year-olds, mile and 20 yards. Fulcrum, 107.00 11.20 10.20 21.80; Sherburn, 107.00 5.00 3.40; Flying Leap, 102.00 3.20 1.50; Time, 1:43 4/5. Dan Killa, Frea and Tarquin also ran.

FIFTH RACE, 1 1/4 miles. Greenleaf, 101.00 12.30 15.20 21.80; Richard Landon, 109.00 6.00 4.20; Lady Little, 106.00 3.20 1.50; Time, 4:35.

SIXTH RACE, 1 1/4 miles. Blue, 101.00 11.20 10.20 21.80; Handful, 104.00 3.20 1.50; Time, 4:30 2/5.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday with probably some light rain; moderate temperatures; gentle easterly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises . . . 6:52 a. m. Sun sets . . . 4:40 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES FIFTY FEET Low water, 1:32 a. m. High water, 1:43 p. m. High water, 4:40 a. m. High water, 5:57 p. m.

TEMPERATURE EACH HOUR

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